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SUBJECT: CLERIDES STAYS ON

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1. SUMMARY. HAVING EXPLOITED THREAT OF RESIGNATION IN AN ESSENTIAL EFFORT TO CALL FORTH MAXIMUM SUPPORT, FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC, CLERIDES ANNOUNCES HE WILL NOT REPEAT NOT RESIGN. MAKARIOS' OCTOBER 3 STATEMENT GIVES HIM ROOM TO CARRY ON NEW POLITICAL TALKS WITH DENKTASH. END SUMMARY.

2. CBC RADIO ANNOUNCED AT 1330 LOCAL THAT CLERIDES HAS DECIDED NATPMNAL INTEREST REQUIRES THAT HE NOT REPEAT NOT RESIGN. CLERIDES CITED AS REASONS UNSPECIFIED "IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS"
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AND STATEMENTS BY KARAMANLIS, MAKARIOS (SEE BELOW), UNANIMOUS

VOTE OF CONFIDENCE BY HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, NUMEROUS REPRESENTATIONS BY PUBLIC THAT HE STAY ON.

3. MAKARIOS' OCTOBER 3 STATEMENT HAD HIGHLY BENEFICIAL IMPACT. ARCHBISHOP STATED HE ALONE WOULD DECIDE TIMING OF HIS RETURN, THEREFORE HE SAW NO REPEAT NO REASON FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION, MASS RALLIES THIS SUBJECT. MAKARIOS POSTPONED SETTING DATE FOR RETURN UNTIL AFTER "FORTHCOMING DISCUSSION OF CYPRUS PROBLEM" AT UNGA. MEANWHILE, HE CALLED ON ALL FULLY TO SUPPORT CLERIDES WHO ENJOYS "MY CONFIDENCE IN THE POLITICAL NEGOTIATIONS HE IS CARRYING OUT..." PIO OCTOBER 4 DESCRIBED STATEMENT AS VERY CONSTRUCTIVE.

4. CLERIDES GOT RHETORICAL SUPPORT FROM TURKISH QUARTER AS WELL. RECENT STATEMENTS BY ECEVIT, GUNES HAD INDIRECTLY CITED UNRESOLVED MAKARIOS FACTOR AS MAJOR IMPEDIMENT TO CLERIDES' POSITION AND FURTHER NEGOTIATION. DENKTASH OCTOBER 3 SHARPLY REBUTTED MAKARIOS' UNGA SPEECH, BRUSQUELY RULED OUT FURTHER TALKS WITH HIM, AND CALLED IN EFFECT ON GREEK CYPRIOTS TO GIVE "THEIR REPRESENTATIVE, WHOEVER HE MAY BE" GUIDANCE "TO TALK TO US SENSIBLY" IN NEGOTIATION.

5. COMMENT. CLERIDES SCORES A TACTICAL COUP, BY GIVING APPEARANCE OF BOWING TO POPULAR WILL AFTER UTILIZING RESIGNATION THREAT FOR MAXIMUM SUPPORT. HE CAN JUSTIFIABLY INTERPRET OUTPOURING OF SUPPORT, THOUGH GRUDGING IN SOME CASES, AS MANDATE TO STAY ON JOB AND RESUME POLITICAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH DENKTASH. DEFERRAL OF MAKARIOS' RETURN UNTIL PERHAPS LATE 1974 (IF THEN) WILL GIVE CLERIDES MUCH ELBOW ROOM. END COMMENT.
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